



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**U.S. CHEMICAL SAFETY BOARD TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING IN  
FESTUS, MISSOURI, MAY 1, 2003 at 9 A.M.**

**INVESTIGATORS WILL PRESENT FINDINGS &  
RECOMMENDATIONS IN LAST YEAR'S DANGEROUS CHLORINE  
RELEASE AT DPC ENTERPRISES**

**CSB BOARD TO VOTE ON FINAL REPORT**

**WHO:** U.S. Chemical Safety & Hazard Investigation Board, an independent federal agency that investigates industrial chemical accidents and hazards.

**WHAT:** Final report on findings, root causes and recommendations for prevention will be presented by investigators to the five-member CSB Board, which will also take public comment and then vote on whether to approve the report and recommendations.

**WHERE:** Holiday Inn Express, 1200 Gannon Dr., Festus, Tel 636-937-0700

**WHEN:** 9 A.M. – 11 A.M. NEWS CONFERENCE FOLLOWS AT 11:30 A.M.

On Aug. 14, 2002, a one-inch chlorine transfer hose used in a railcar offloading operation at DPC Enterprises in Festus catastrophically ruptured and initiated a sequence of events that led to the release of 48,000 pounds of chlorine into neighboring areas. The hose was of improper construction, the CSB found early on, issuing a Safety Advisory to chlorine operators nationwide late last year.

CSB investigators have conducted an extensive investigation into the accident and will present their findings to the full Board on May 1 in Festus. CSB Investigation Reports are science-based, taking into account human factors and physical evidence in determining root causes of accidents. The CSB does not issue fines or penalties, but issues safety recommendations to operators, companies, industry trade groups, labor unions, and government regulators such as OSHA and EPA.

For further information about the CSB, and to read the Safety Advisory please visit our web site at [www.csb.gov](http://www.csb.gov)

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